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genv.com> Subject: RE: questions for July 11 meeting

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Bonnie - Here are my thoughts for discussion at tomorrow's meeting.

Based on my reading of the CDPHE blood lead screening plan I get the feeling that CDPHE does not typically provide blood lead testing unless it is part of a focused effort in one of the few high-risk areas identified. CDPHE clearly states their recommendation for blood lead screening but does not indicate that the service is routinely provided by CDPHE. To your question "Does the State do blood lead testing of children? How often?" we may need to add "Where? Who qualifies? How much does it cost?, etc."

Also, are blood lead tests provided as a direct service of CDPHE or by other programs such as Medicaid, Child Health Plan Plus, etc., and if the tests are provided by other programs, does CDPHE contribute funding to those programs for this purpose? If CDPHE does not offer testing as a routine service, then are there children who would not qualify for any of these other programs but who CDPHE recommends receive blood lead testing? That is, who is in the population that is missed by the existing testing programs (if any are missed)?

I would also like to know what type of CDPHE data we (EPA and later the local agencies) may have access to in the future. It would be useful to have blood lead test results and street addresses for children from the site who have already been tested to add to the co-located blood lead and soil lead data. This would be useful even if a tested child no longer lives at the same address. Are all the CDPHE blood lead data confidential or have some been released for use by other programs? Same question goes for City of Denver Environmental Health Dept. data.

Add to your question regarding the blood lead level that triggers follow-up investigation, how such investigations are currently funded, and at what blood lead level Medicaid funding is be available for follow-up investigations (for Medicaid-eligible children).

Note that our experience in Leadville has been that getting a child on Medicaid takes much longer than is desirable for a follow-up investigation of elevated blood lead level. For those kids, there seems to be no way to fund their house investigations quick enough to prevent further exposure to lead. Perhaps this is where City services have been stepping in - a good question for Gene.

For the NE Denver Housing Center, I wonder which neighborhoods are eligible for their services. Does that include all of the VB/I70 site?

Looks like this will be an interesting discussion.

See you tomorrow morning, Kathy

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Subject: questions for July 11 meeting

Hi all:

I put together some questions to help guide the discussion about how EPA's proposed Community Health Program can assist the existing agencies in providing services to residents of VB/I-70.

The idea is that I will lead you through the questions so we can get enough information out to everyone to identify areas where EPA can fill existing gaps. I plan to hand this out at the meeting - there is space for people to fill in the answers as we go along.

here they are. I'm open to your suggestions about additional or different ones. Hope this gives you an idea of what I'm looking for from you at the meeting.

(See attached file: July 11 meeting.wpd)

one other note: Channel 4 News called and can't make it after all.